

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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April 21, 2014

Steve Glazer
Steve Glazer for Assembly

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Warning Letter Re: FPPC Case No. 14/369; In the Matter of Steve Glazer and Steve Glazer for Assembly

Dear Mr. Glazer:

The Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act ("Act"), ¹ found in Government Code section 81000, et seq. This letter is in response to a complaint previously forwarded to you. The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this matter. Specifically, the FPPC found that you violated the Act's mass mailing disclosure provisions with regard to the requirement that the committee paying for the mailing be identified.

The Act provides that candidates and committees must disclose specific information on their mass mailings² identifying the sender of that mass mailing. To that effect, Section 84305 requires that every mass mailing contain the name, street address, and city of the candidate or committee sending the mailing on the outside of each piece of mail in the mass mailing. To indicate that, as defined in Regulation 18435(a), the "sender" of the mass mailing is the candidate or committee that paid for the mass mailing, this identification of the sender must be preceded by the words "Paid for by." (Regulation 18435(d).) Your actions violated the Act because you failed to insert the phrase "Paid for by" in a mass mailing sent by your committee. However, because, in addition to your having no prior Enforcement cases, you disclosed not only the required name and address of the sender but also included your website and social media

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014. All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. All regulatory references are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.

² "Mass mailing" means over two hundred substantially similar pieces of mail. (Section 82041.5 and Regulation 18435(a).)

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addresses on the mailings and had previously included "paid for by" on your committee's other mass mailings, we are closing your case with this warning letter. The information in this matter will be retained and may be considered should an enforcement action become necessary based on newly discovered information or future conduct. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act in the future will result in monetary penalties of up to \$5,000 for each violation.

A warning letter is an FPPC case resolution without administrative prosecution or fine. However, the warning letter resolution does not provide you with the opportunity for a probable cause hearing or hearing before an Administrative Law Judge or the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you wish to avail yourself of these proceedings by requesting that your case proceed with prosecution rather than a warning, please notify us within ten (10) days from the date of this letter. Upon this notification, the FPPC will rescind this warning letter and proceed with administrative prosecution of this case. If we do not receive such notification, this warning letter will be posted on the FPPC's website ten (10) days from the date of this letter. The FPPC publishes forms and manuals to facilitate compliance with the provisions of the Act. If you need forms or a manual, or guidance regarding your obligations, please call the FPPC's Technical Assistance Division at 1-866-275-3772 or visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Please feel free to contact Adrianne Korchmaros at (916) 322-8241 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Enforcement Division

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